



A Tradition of Excellence

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we are already in June, planning our year-end activities and preparing for final exams and graduation. Many of our activities are coming to a close and I would like to thank all the coaches for their dedication and support throughout the year. A special congratulation to our Track and Field team for capturing another City Championship title! Good luck to our Track and Field athletes who will be participating in the Provincial Track Meet this weekend.

Box Lunch Auction saw another very successful year. The school raised over \$28,465. A tribute to our students, staff, and community! A special thank you to our auctioneer, Mr. Sikora. It was a fun day, and we were able to give to those in need through Development and Peace.

We were treated to the wonderful talents of our Band and Choir students at the Junior and Senior Music Concerts this past month. Our Outdoor Ed. Club has two canoe trips this month, and the SRC is busy planning the Car Show, BBQ, and Pep Rally. Our Grade 12 students attended the Grade 12 Retreat at St. Thomas More College yesterday. It was a day to build community and reflect spiritually and emotionally on the past four years of high school. On Friday, June 16th we will celebrate the achievements of our Grade 12 students at our Spring Awards Ceremony. Details for these events can be found in further sections of this newsletter.

On May 25th we held our first ever Student Wellness Conference. We had a keynote speaker and two breakout sessions where students were able to choose two presentations on different topics. Lots of positive feedback from students, staff, and parents about the day! Thanks to the Concorde Group for providing Booster Juices for the entire school, and the Affinity Credit Union, St. Thomas More, The GSCS Foundation, and Restorative Action Program, and other businesses in the community for providing folders, pens, coupons, door prizes, speakers, and displays that greatly added to the experience. A huge thank you to Michelle Remizowski, and all students, parents, and staff who contributed many hours to planning the event!

Graduation preparations are well underway. Ticket purchases are complete. The **mandatory** graduation rehearsal will be held in the theatre following the Period 5 class time on Monday, June 26th. Following the rehearsal, students will receive their grad caps & gowns, banquet table numbers and tickets. The Graduation Ceremony is at 9:00 am at TCU Place. The banquet and dance is at Prairieland Park and will begin promptly at 5:45 pm. Voting for Valedictorian/ Salutatorian is now complete. Congratulations to Caid Brossart who will be the 2017 Valedictorian, and to Roha Shazad, who will be the 2017 Salutatorian. Thank you to all students who submitted their names.

Final exams will begin on Wednesday, June 21st. Please see the upcoming events section of this newsletter for the daily schedule. Good luck to all of our students.

Our last Catholic School Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7th. Thank you to the parents, staff, and students who gave their time to attend and engage in the meetings. Our **AGM** and first **CSCC meeting** for the Fall is set for **Monday, September 18th at 7pm**. Please consider joining the council. New members are welcome!

Finally, I would like to take this time to thank the staff, students, and parent community for their continuing support and care. This has been a great year and we hope to continue the good things happening at Holy Cross! I wish everyone a safe and restful summer!

God Bless
Lisa Hodson
Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 2

- Newsletter Online

Friday, June 2-Saturday, June 3

- Track & Field Provincial Championship

Tuesday, June 6

- Golf City Championship

Wednesday, June 7

- SRC Car Show & Year End BBQ
- HCCS Community Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 8

- Shortened Day - 12:30 Dismissal

Thursday, June 8 - Sunday, June 11

- Grade 12 Hiking Trip

Wednesday, June 14

- Year-End Pep Rally

Friday, June 16

- Spring Awards Ceremony - 8:35 am

Tuesday, June 20

- Last day of classes for Semester 2
- Shortened Day - 12:30 Dismissal

Wednesday, June 21

- Exam Day
8:35-10:55 am - Period 1 Exam
10:55-11:15 am - Nutrition Break
11:15-12:15 pm - Period 2 Class

Thursday, June 22

- Exam Day
8:35-10:55 am - Period 2 Exam
10:55-11:15 am - Nutrition Break
11:15-12:15 pm - Period 3 Class

Friday, June 23

- Exam Day
8:35-10:55 am - Period 3 Exam
10:55-11:15 am - Nutrition Break
11:15-12:15 pm - Period 4 Class

Monday, June 26

- Exam Day
8:35-10:55 am - Period 4 Exam
10:55-11:15 am - Nutrition Break
11:15-12:15 pm - Period 5 Class
- Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal 12:20 pm in the theatre

Tuesday, June 27

- Exam Day
8:35-10:55 am - Period 5 Exam

Thursday, June 29

- Graduation Day

Friday, June 30

- Report Card Distribution
9:00-10:00 am



Did you Know?

Dress Code

With the warmer weather upon us we would like to take this time to remind parents and students of the school dress code.

- The school is considered a place of work. Consequently, students are expected to dress appropriately, exercise good taste, and take pride in their personal appearance.
- Students are expected to exercise good judgment in dress.
- **Girls:** Shoulders must be covered and any type of top must cover the front, midriff and back. Bra straps must not show. Tank-tops, racer-back, strapless, one shoulder and spaghetti-strap tops are inappropriate.
- **Boys:** Must wear a proper shirt with shoulders and midriff covered. The shirt worn coming through the door must be worn on the dance floor. No muscle shirts of any kind are allowed.
- Clothing should be clean and neat. Torn and tattered clothing is not appropriate.
- Clothing with inappropriate messages is not permitted. Slogans advocating substance or alcohol use, vulgarities, prejudicial or sexist mottoes, playboy symbols, or satanic messages have no place in a school.
- Tops of shoulders, backs, underwear, and midriffs should be covered. Halter shirts and tube tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, half shirts, mesh shirts, sun suits, beach wear, and low-rise jeans, are considered inappropriate school apparel. Shirts scooped at the neck, back or arms are not appropriate.
- See-through or sheer clothing is not appropriate for school and does not define modest clothing.
- Modest walking shorts, dress shorts, and skirts approaching the knee are acceptable. Cut-offs and gym shorts worn outside of Physical Education classes are not acceptable attire for school.
- Outerwear, caps and hoods are removed in a work or school setting. Caps, hoods and jackets should be removed when students enter the building as a sign of courtesy. Students should store outerwear and caps in their lockers during school hours.

These expectations are not meant to hinder anyone's ability to choose clothes, but to assist students in developing positive and responsible attitudes towards the work place and towards appropriate dress now and in the future.

Student Fees

School fees for the 2016-2017 school year are now past due. The yearbook is no longer available to be ordered as the order has been placed based on the number of yearbooks paid for. Students with outstanding course fees from the 2016-2017 school year may be ineligible to register for courses that fees are assigned to for the next school year while they have an outstanding balance with the school.

Families needing to make payment arrangements are asked to please contact Mrs. Bloski at 306-659-7605.

Graduation 2017

Graduation 2017 will be held on Thursday, June 29th. The following is a list of events leading up to and including the Graduation date. For more details, please see the graduation section on the schools webpage.

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| Monday, June 26 | Graduation rehearsal - 12:20 pm (Theatre)
Mandatory for all students on the graduation list.
Banquet tickets and Caps & Gowns will be distributed to students following the rehearsal.
(All fees must be paid in full in order for students to receive their cap & gown.) |
| Thursday, June 29 | Graduation Day (Graduates must arrive at TCU by 8:00 am)
Mass & Ceremonies - 9:00 am @ TCU Place
Banquet & Dance - 5:45 pm @ Prairieland Park – each person attending the Graduation Banquet, including the graduate, must have a ticket.
After Grad - Buses for the Aftergrad will depart directly from Prairieland Park at 11:30 pm. |



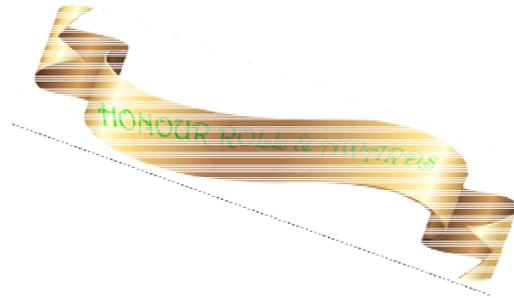
Spring Awards Day

Holy Cross High School Spring Awards Ceremony is taking place on Friday, June 16th at 8:35 am. Honour Roll students & Award Recipients are to assemble in the North Gym no later than 8:00 am. There will be a reception following the ceremony for award recipients and their families.

Letters were sent home with Grade 12 Honour Roll and award recipients that outline the details for the day. Family members are invited and encouraged to attend. The ceremony will take place at 8:35 am and end at approximately 10:00. There will be a reception in the North Gym following the ceremony. Guests are encouraged to arrive early as parking can be difficult. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Remizowski at 659-7610.

Friday, June 16 th	Spring Awards Ceremony
Schedule: 8:35	Students report to Period 1 Attendance and called to Gym
8:45 - 9:45	Spring Awards Ceremony
9:50 - 11:00	Period 1
11:00 - 11:10	BREAK
11:10 - 12:10	Period 2
12:10 - 1:10	LUNCH
1:10 - 2:10	Period 3
2:15 - 3:15	Period 4

*Please note that Period 5 classes are cancelled.



SRC News

The SRC would like to congratulate all of those who are on next year's SRC and have already attended their first SRC meeting this past week. We look forward to working with you.

We are planning the 6th Annual Car Show and Year End Barbecue that is taking place on Wednesday, June 7th at noon on Porter Street. We are proud to have the support of our sponsors: A C Detail, Redhead Equipment, Dairy Queen, and Golf's Car Wash. We are still looking for prizes and entries for the 6 categories: Classic/Vintage, Most Unique, Wow, Loud and Proud, Rust Bucket, Best DIY. Come enjoy a hotdog, smokie, iced tea, popcorn, freezie, and/or cotton candy. We will have Balloon Fun by Warren in attendance as well as C95 Live on Location. We hope to see you out to enjoy some nice weather fun as we end our school year.

Our last pep rally of the year is taking place on Wednesday, June 14th and our last meeting before August is on Monday, June 12th. Thanks to all of the members of this year's SRC for all their hard work and leadership.

Outdoor Education

The Spring Grade 12 Hiking trip to the mountains will be on June 8th through June 11th, 2017. This year's destination is the beautiful Lake Louise area of Banff National Park. Grade 12 students have begun preparing for this trip with meetings and practice hikes. For more information please contact Mr. Blais or Mrs. Walker.

Easter Educational Excursions 2018

Applications are now being accepted for two different Educational Excursions for Easter 2018.

One trip will be embarking on a tour to the United States with stops in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and New York. The deadline to apply for this tour is Thursday, June 8th at noon. For more information, or to pick up an application package, see Mr. Augustyn or Mr. Hundseth.

The other tour will be visiting Costa Rica where students will experience the natural ecological environment of the rain forest, as well as a tour of a coffee plantation, the butterfly sanctuary and many other activities. The deadline to apply for this tour has been extended to Wednesday, June 7th. For more information or to pick up an application package see Mr. Blais or Mrs. Walker.



Holy Cross Courtyard

The school renovation presented Holy Cross with an opportunity to create an enclosed, open air court yard between the languages and social science wings of the school. The vision is for a student and staff gathering space that includes a deck, patio and grassy area. The project centres on a student art project in the shape of a medicine wheel, out of which project the arms of a cross. After several years of development, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel in this project. We hope to complete the pathways and landscaping this spring.

We are looking for donations of perennial plants, specifically hostas and daylilies. We can use approximately 20 of each plant.

If you can help, either by splitting plants from your garden (slug-free, please) or by purchasing a plant or two, please contact Norman Lipinski at Holy Cross (nlipinski@gscs.ca)

Student Services

GSCS Summer School

GSCS is pleased to once again provide Summer School options to students of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. They are offering ELA A30/B30, and Career Work Education 10/20/30 starting July 4 to July 28, 2017. Final class offerings will be determined by enrolment numbers. Registration forms are available at Student Services. Students may fax or email the registration form, but ***their registration and place in the class will not be confirmed until the \$50 fee is received.***

U of S Information

U-Start on campus

U-Start is offered in Saskatoon on select Saturdays in the spring as a pre-orientation to help newly admitted students prepare for university.

- Saturday, June 3
- Saturday, June 10

At U-Start, students and up to two guests will take part in a cross-campus introduction to student services before attending a session with their college to learn about course registration, key student services and more.

For more information or if you have any questions, visit usask.ca/ustart or email ustart@usask.ca

The **application deadline** for degree programs in the **College of Arts and Science** for Canadian citizens and permanent residents has been extended to **July 1**. Documents such as transcripts, lists of current classes and proof of English proficiency must be submitted to the Admissions Office by no later than August 1.

Vancouver Film School's Summer Intensives offer students the unique opportunity to spend one unforgettable week working with industry-leading teachers and mentors, gaining invaluable production experience in **acting, animation, film production, or video game development**. For more information go to vfs.edu.

Holy Cross Wellness Conference

Thank you, for all the support we received from our local community in making our first ever Wellness Conference such a success. Students were able to select sessions that provided information on topics relevant to their Physical, Emotional, Spiritual and Mental Health. The day was full of positive energy. We want to especially thank our sponsors that provided financial support that allowed us to secure quality speakers, conference items, and a nutrition break:

- * GSCS Foundation
- * Concorde Group
- * Affinity Credit Union
- * RAP- Restorative Action Program

Door Prizes, Fruit and Veggie trays for our Nutrition Break, Conference Folders/Contents/Coupons were provided by: Motion Fitness, Good Life Fitness, SNAP Fitness, Sunsera Salons, Sheer Excellence, Affinity Credit Union, Escape Sports, Sask Central Credit Union, Blue Cross, Brave Authentic Apparrell, Bus Stop Refreshments, Dr. David Climenhaga, St. Thomas More College, STAR Produce, and Bus Stop Refreshments.



After Grad 2017

After Grad packages were handed out to all Grade 12 students on Friday, May 26th, 2017, during period 3 home room. Please make sure you check with your son or daughter for the information package. All details regarding the After Grad including festivities, location, time, cost, are listed in the package. Should your son or daughter not have a period 3 class, the packages are available at the office. All Grade 12 Holy Cross students are welcome to participate in the After Grad celebrations. Ticket sales commence May 29th, through to, and including, June 13th, 2017 (excluding June 1st, 7th, and 9th) at lunch hour at the entrance of Holy Cross near the cafeteria. Tickets are \$90.00 per student (price includes food, bus transportation from Prairieland to Louis', cost of facility, all entertainment, including DJ, photo booth, temporary tattoo artist, hypnotist, and a special keepsake prize/gift for each student attending). Financial assistance is available to students in need. Cost should not be a barrier to attend this event. Any questions can be addressed to Michelle Yurkowski at (306) 373-2741, or by email at theyurks@shaw.ca. If emailing, please use subject line of "Holy Cross 2017 After Grad".

Holy Cross Catholic School Community Council

The final meeting for the 2016-2017 school year of the Holy Cross Catholic School Community Council will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00 pm in the Office Conference Room.

All members of the Holy Cross community are invited to attend.



International Student Program

The International Student Program is in need of homestay families for September 2017 as well as those who may be available to offer temporary respite for this second term up until June 30th 2017. We are currently looking for families in all of the catchment areas (especially the BJM area) and Jodi, our homestay coordinator, would be happy to meet with you to answer any questions you may have.

Hosting an International Student is an exciting, rewarding and enriching experience. The homestay experience is an integral part of the program because of the sharing of culture, family and language. **Host families are reimbursed \$750.00 a month.**

Please consider being part of our wonderful program and opening your home to an International Student. If you are unable to host, then please consider speaking to a relative, friend, or neighbor about our program.

Please contact **Jodi Swaby**, at 306-667-3825 Ext 2082, or email to gscs@canadahomestaynetwork.ca for more information.